



“FOURIE” – The South African Progenitor.

Origin of the surname



The surname Fourie was first found in Lanarkshire (Gaelic: Siorrachd Lannraig) a former county in the central Strathclyde region of Scotland, now divided into the Council Areas of North Lanarkshire, South Lanarkshire, and the City of Glasgow, where they held a family seat at Rutherglen from early times, speculated even before the Norman Conquest in 1066. An ancient couplet says "***nae man can tell, nae man has seen, when the Faries Haena in Ruglen been.***" A rough translation of this is: "***no man can remember when there hasn't been a family of Faries at Rutherglen.***"

The French surnames Fourie and Fourier (from where the South African progenitor originated) could be translated into English as forager. These names usually indicated the occupation of the first person known by that name. They were probably merchants dealing in hay and other forage for livestock.

Spelling variations of this family name include: Fairie, Fairrie, Farie, Fairey, Ferry, Ferrie, Fairy, Faireye and many more.

The South African Progenitor

The Progenitor of the FOURIE surname in South Africa, was a Louis Fourie (a.k.a "Louis Fourij d' oude"). He fled from the province Dauphiné in France as a Huguenot, first to Holland and then to the Cape of Good Hope. A group of Huguenots left the Amsterdam congregation on the ship call "Walloon" on 21 December 1687 and arrive at Cape Town during 1688. On 28 February 1699 he received a grant for the land he called De Slange Rivier where he lived until his death in 1750 at a n age of 81. He also owned the farm Zeekoedrift on the Gouritz River.



In the register of Drakenstein his name is sometimes given as Florit.

Louis Fourie was married twice and had a total of 21 children.

Louis Fourie and his first wife, Susanna Cordier, daughter of Louis Cordier, had 10 children. She died about 1715.

1. b1 Susanna ~1694, on 1742.12.06 married Jan Nel, then Christiaan Ernst Schutte
2. b2 Francois ~1696.09.04 (Paarl)
3. b3 Maria ~1698.10.26 (Paarl)

4. b4 Martha ~1701.03.27 (Paarl), on 1720.05.05 married Pieter Lombard
5. b5 Gideon ~1701.03.27
6. b6 Louis ~1703
7. b7 Sara ~1705.11.29, married Adriaan van Wyk
8. b8 Elisabeth ~1708.04.29
9. b9 Jacobus ~1710.01.01
10. b10 Marcus ~1713.05.14

Louis Fourie and his second wife, Anna Jourdain, daughter of Pierre Jourdain, had 11 children.

1. b11 Pieter ~1717.02.07
2. b12 Anna ~1718.06.05, on 1736.08.12 married Pieter Jacobus
3. b13 Maria ~1720.12.08
4. b14 David ~1722.09.27
5. b15 Johannes ~1724.10.29
6. b16 Pieter (Petrus) ~1726.09.08
7. b17 Marcus Anthonius ~1728.07.11
8. b18 Susanna ~1730.05.07
9. b19 Joseph ~1732.03.02
10. b20 Stephanus ~1734.10.17
11. b21 Jonathan ~1738.06.08

Some Notable people with the surname include:

Kearan Ashton Fourie (born 1985), South African Businessman Entrepreneur

Johan Fourie (born 1959), South African middle-distance athlete

Abrie Fourie (born 1969), South Africa-born artist

Adriaan Fourie [af] (1882–1941), South African minister of Mines and Industries

Charles J. Fourie (born 1965), South African playwright and director

Hendre Fourie (born 1979), South Africa-born English rugby union player

Jaco Fourie (born 1975), South African equestrian athlete

Jaque Fourie (born 1983), South African rugby union player

John Fourie (born 1939), South African golfer

Thinus Fourie (born 1979), South Africa-born Irish cricketer

Brenden Fourie (born 1970), South African cricketer

Yolani Fourie (born 1989), South African cricketer

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